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In Lao Mountains
75 li from Tsingtao
Sunday Eve.

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My Precious Mummie:

I have a chance to send in a letter by a man who came out today to sell Bibles etc so you can have an earlier letter. I'm glad I can send it for you'll know how happy & safe & all we are & the happy too.

Sat. a.m. I awakened at four - it was just an answer to prayer - & got up to get off see loving to get breakfast pack final utensils, & then see had to leave etc

3. given them so the man called out the "Chuan too ti preachers" or "ones spreading the way" – literal need not get out – real meaning in that – at least we were trusted not to be doing harmful things. The policeman kept four of the tracts himself. We came thru beautiful country!! fruit trees + lovely fields – nearing the mountains. We got off at a little village + all our stuff – in a few minutes a crowd had gathered – surrounded me to see the foreigner – Here we got a barrow for luggage + they pushed it over to this "Shih Kow" – "Rock Dog." Then we walked a mile maybe – got to the church unexpectedly as wind changed our plans because of washed

house all in good order
and lock up everything -
- I tell you this house-
responsibility is funny -
We got all our baggage out
on the porch & the cook appeared
much to my amusement
with two layers of hats on
his head, a felt & a straw -
that's preparedness - well, at
last he left the straw one,
I guess the humor of it struck him
too. We all got the corner
& sat on our bed-rolls till
the bus came along - at 6:35 -
we got it all in & were off.
On the way we passed a
place where policemen stopped
the bus & examined everyone,
those who got off had some
tracts in their hand with

4) bridge - The walk over was just lovely thru date + persimon orchards with old rocky mountains ahead!

Here is an old church. An elder named Chang who has just preached far + wide + Miss Wang said she'd met so many whom he'd taught. He has rich orchards + a big family of 2 sons + 3 daughters + sons wives all live there - "large family system". There is a big church 50" long 14" wide with two side buildings. The cook sleeps in one + cooks + I eat there (if it rains as it did this a.m.) otherwise I eat out in courtyard. Miss Chow + Wang cook + eat in the other room + because of

5] mosquitos we all sleep in
church in a most amusing
fashion - I brought a mosquito
to get under protect - so since
I have the only one we concocted
this scheme put cots thus
& our heads at least all under
one net. Looks so funny but
works - I ate supper tonite
by moonlight with the Bible
man sitting on a stone beside
talking a stream, of Chinese with a real
Shanting flavor! Guess what
I drank for supper - "nectar
fit for Gods", A lady gave
Keui Flower, (leaves) every none at
home I think. Little yellow
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nice tea - oh they are just

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filled our hands full, sent
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with bit of radish + sweet
potato leaves cooked in it.
She brought it steaming hot +
assured me it was clean -
I ate it with relish. It was
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8] Bernyce would enjoy the enjoyment her guitar gives. A number came last nite + we played + sang - its my constant companion + it helps heaps! Will be here a week or ten days maybe more day time visiting in homes here + the little neighboring villages + nite church meetings - I'm to attempt it every third nite - I hope you're specially praying I believe you! are - then next Sunday lead church service - the iodine (regeneration) talk - oh! the Master only can do it I can't! - oh the unspeakable joy we had this P.M. to go to the courtyards + visit + then blessed old Mrs. Fu there lead in prayer for our time here - in the glorious background of the mts + His joy + fellowship in our hearts - Just marvelous - I'm so happy to be here!! Praise Him - Bye - Love, Irene.

1 Tsi Yang Road
Tsingtao, Shantung
Sun. Aug 4, 1929

Dearest Loved Ones!

I want to get a note off to you so you'll not be worried about me. Am just now waiting for the little dinner to be ready so will begin my letter. The cook after church came up to see whether I was home or not. I had planned to go to Mrs. Eames out to church there + with hopes of seeing Betty Turner who is supposed to have arrived but this A.M. I woke up just too weary so I went to sleep at 9:30 + slept deeply.

3] so had to sleep. There were some errands even the cook as good at managing as he is couldn't do + a final trip to Dr. Weircher's that had to be done. - So feeling almost like myself I sallied forth - but I was sitting pretty hard in the ricksha before I got home. Got my errands done tho & all now but what the cook can tend to.

Have surely taken all the advice given me to go slowly & rest much after my return from hospital. It's been ten days now + I surely have been lazy - tho I

2) until 11 o'clock when I was wakened by a ricksha man at the gate with a trumpet like voice shouting "Mr". "Mr" - at last I came to enuf to answer but he was so funny - even after I said I'd let him in he kept calling! Even got Mrs. Chandler routed out, so she came over to visit an hour & so I am just beginning my letter. Maybe I'll try to go out to see Mrs. E. & family after dinner. Have no other chance as Mon. am busy & Tues. leave & before I return I fear they'll be gone. Sorry I couldn't this a.m. but just naturally did too much yesterday.

4) have done a lot a work still I've only been down stairs a few times + out only once. The first few days - Mrs. Chandler's cook's wife was here + she is such a dear + was such a help so I could have had care here - when I needed it - Then she went + I gradually go up + stayed up more. The days she was here she did up all my mending + odd jobs which is a big help. I haven't studied any nor will I until I return from Lai Chi Mountain. Mr. Davies thought it best + I agreed. I had

5] thinking I was too slow regaining my pep - + then I realized taking either twice in succession is one big reason + then I was ~~thinking~~ over the schedule I carried in the country - + I didn't wonder I needed two weeks to rest up after it all. Enuf of me ills I'm all right + by time you get this will have enuf pep to go all next winter on. The invigorating mountain air I just long for - + it will put lots of pep back I know. So don't worry! Dr. Wincler said to go slow for a time + then I'd be good for 15 years like normal! ~~hope~~ so!

to send their regards + thank you for the prayers. Would you like me to send it on or bring it?

Mother, I was so amused at your saying your being Mrs. Acton's Mother + mother of a missy - open folks eyes! It reminded me of way Father always joked about that Cambridge paper's news item of "Mrs. Forsythe + her husband" + how he'd always laugh. Now you know how he felt! ha! ha! Ah, wouldn't it be fun to all be around the table at home again, Clyde Uncle Bert + Aunt Clara, Bud + Bessie, Eula + Ray's + have a big chicken dinner + ice cream + loganberry punch!

Mummie + poor Daddy Si laugh or discourse on

6] Mumsie precious, your good letter of July 6 came yesterday. Am so glad you had such a nice visit in Seattle with Harry + Anna + Bertha + all. I'll surely try to write her soon! That is lovely that they have such a nice home by the lake.

"Mother Lovey," Deke sends the "Reader's Digest" + she probably will next year. You sent Current Events you remember + I like it very much. If you want to renew them but I expect Deke will send the other as she doesn't like the trouble of wrapping + mailing gifts etc besides this is such a nice one!

I thanked Miss Chow + Wang for you + they were very pleased + said

8] same subject - maybe the white race the lost ten tribes etc.

Mummie, remember the Sunday Cecil + Vi came + we didn't have enuf of anything except ice cream !!

Mummie, that adorable little freezer gave me the most joy. Sat. Eve. after my return from hospital I was hungry for ice cream. I couldn't go downstairs, at least it looked a long way - so the cook said he'd make it out on the porch upstairs - guess he didn't want to have to carry me up - so he moved the long davenport (Mr. Scott's)

Tai Shan, Shantung
Monday Eve.
Later Wed. Aug. 21, '29

Dearest Mother mine:

Anita & I have come out to get warm in the sun & she has found a cool cove under some huge rocks so I'm going to visit with my mummie precious. The time has gone so fast & I'm late with your letter. Am sorry - I seem to be getting to be a delinquent daughter - mummie mine! Does you love me just the same? I need not ask I know. I have two sweet letters from you - forwarded here & am so glad to hear one written from Glendale & one from Salem. Glad Eula had a rest & change & visit with the friend - Eula are you fully recovered from last winter? I do hope so mummie, the trip to Cal. was nice I know & I am glad you enjoyed it so, & saw so many interesting places. So Sam T. hadn't forgotten me! What is he doing there? I wonder whether you saw Helen W. Her mother is coming with her I understand to live. That is nice. Helen is settled at a definite place in school work so that she can make a nice home for her mother. I wonder when I'll see

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of them. They are so far south of me here.

Ah! I'm glad Warren's can go to Crater Lake + the Caves. You're still having them - tho August 21 - maybe they are on their way to Bud's + Leo's tho. Bless your sweet heart you need not worry about not getting a cake off to me. The freezer was lovely - + much too much for my birthday gift. I can't fathom Harry's remark that we don't have milk + eggs in China. Was he joking? He surely knows of boatloads of eggs sent to U.S.A. - or did he think all were shipped away. Maybe he's thinking of some interior place about the milk - but almost all places surely can get canned milk or maybe goat's milk - but I surely feel it's a strange thing if one can't get eggs interior. Well, anyway it shows how really difficult to conceive conditions in another land by mere letters + report - for surely they'd be far more intelligent than average about such things. Makes me realize while I think I write fully there must be much hazy to you all. That's much nicer to be with Bud + Bessie while you settle affairs - Yes, 9 tons is short some but if

If all is done peacefully as you say it is easier. How much did you clear on them? Who is renting them? Glad you say they, Warren + Jens are a bit more interested in things of God! Honey, our prayers will be answered in time. His Word cannot fail — The very life + environment lead them the other way but it will be the greater glory to Him for them to come to Him as come they must. They are so fine in all else. I surely love them. It is nice to know I'm not forgotten thru + sweet of Adelaide B. + her mother to inquire. I saw Adelaide's Essay on Prohibition in Independent, which I still get + enjoy muchly.

What a nice visit with Ellsworths! It touches me deeply to hear of these before unknown intercessors — well honey without them I'd be useless however so I feel so small in comparison with the hugeness of the task ahead — but it is so that the power + glory may be of Him!

Nice you have the pen + eversharp dearest. I wish I knew what you'd enjoy for Christmas honey?

Have gone over your letters, now I'll try to catch up where I left in your last letter.

I wrote the Sunday before I left Tsingtao August 7. I think. Well that next Monday was moving day

4. I had slowly packed & had things pretty well in order. The cook got a couple of coolies & they moved the coal, & books from one case to another. I had bought an extra book case from Mrs. Chandler & had it revarnished the color of my desk etc - It is nice & large with glass doors & will hold all without trouble. & keep off dust to which they've been long exposed. Mrs. C. [illegible] the house [illegible] & placed. Leela came up to save me as much as possible. Many hands made it as easy as one could expect but it wasn't easy. That was my birthday 5th & a.m. cook came up with two large plates of artistically arranged peaches & one of little cakes. Add to that moving & weary feeling I still had a woman come from the country with her son who was to have an operation, a serious one on kidneys - Well she was quite upset & wanted us to tell her whether or not for them to go on to operate! She was there for dinner & then p.m. went away - Well, we'd returned all my borrowed table & chairs & talk about empty rooms & empty cupboard & just as I was going to eat a bite from a tray here they returned saying they'd come to sleep. Well! for a minute I felt like weeping - cause I was weary - bedless, coverless & even chairless! & almost foodless

5] But then, I felt so ashamed of feeling so. I knew had the Master come he'd only expect what I could give but want a willing heart! So - the cook made a bit more "chow" - thin cereal to drink & we put the bowls on my suitcase top & sat on the floor - Well, I know it sounds terribly to you & it did to me but I never felt the Master nearer. According to what they are used to in country it wasn't to them the contrast it was to me - but after all don't we get so tied to certain formalities etc. To me I surely wasn't royally entertaining them but to them it passed & it was in His spirit - so I am sure He was pleased with our evening meal,

Well, we managed for them to sleep, I got lunch fixed up & last packing & all & piled in bed weary!

Early Tues. we got a train for Tsinan. I ordinarily ride 3rd but this time because of heat - weariness etc I went 2nd. The teacher went with me & it was so nice to have his help & company on the long trip. It wasn't so hot. Stayed at German hotel at nite - hot!! um! They had most delicious meats. They butcher their own & make sausages to ship all over China. At the 5:30 train next a.m. met Harriett Stroh & Betty Turner just going to Tsingtao

6. for their vacation - I had hoped they'd come earlier but Betty was delayed because of her teeth. This ride down was my first in a converted ~~freight~~ car - windows for every other seat - we reached Tai An then Eva & Lydia who came earlier to Tai An met me at depot much to my delight. The Chinese man who has charge of the mountain chair had sent a chair to meet me so all was easy. You should have seen me! I was soon swinging along in the most unique rope-seat chair swung from two poles at the side. There was a little swinging piece of wood for a foot-rest. Two men carried it using very ~~heavy~~ strong leather shoulder straps to connect the poles. They walked most rythmically & at a given signal could most cleverly shift the strap from shoulder to shoulder swinging one thru space a bit too rapidly for peace of mind until you ~~know~~ by repeated experiences that they are so sure-footed & experienced that you can ride in perfect ease up the most precipitous banks & steepest steps. We began the ascent of the 6500 stone steps up the one of China's most ancient & sacred mts

7.) As one begins the ascent there are many interesting places to see. This mountain has for forty or more centuries been a place of worship of Taoists Buddhists and confucionists - and it is on this mt peak that seventy-two of China's emperor's have come to worship Heaven, to announce their ascent to the throne to plead for the blessing of Heaven - This seems to have been monotheism & there was no idol, nor temple for this worship & the first ones seemed to have a very simple ceremony. One emperor had prayers written in some sixteen pieces of white jade buried there. They are said to have later been dug up. Now the governmental patronage is withdrawn altho Chiang Kai Shek went up this spring & burned a great deal of paper at the temple of Blue Jade Emperor, but it was not the idea of worship of Heaven. Each year thousands of pilgrims toil up the miles of the steep steps hoping to gain merit, to pay affairs or to pray for blessings. I want to write more of this detail for a printed letter - so more later.

Erna & Lydia live about 500 feet below us. so they left me & I came on up the steep ascent. At the

8) second Heavenly Gate, a great stone arch, Deane + Stella Walter met me + led me off to a simple little stone cottage just clinging to the mountain. Mr. + Mrs. Connely of Baptist mission of Tsining (Mrs. Eames station) own it. We have had such good food, hot biscuits + yummy things to eat. The first few days I just slept - drunk with this wondrous mountain air. It has meant so much to me. The ravines are full of water + so there pools + water-falls + the music of the rippling water, night + day has been such a joy to me.

I'm been prudently athletic as Dr. W. advised. Have climbed some. Took trip to the top in a chair. I wish I could just have about 2 more weeks here but they're all going down soon - so I must return. Am going down now to attempt a little tennis. I think my operation has been very successful. I am getting back my strength + feel better each day. They're waiting me - + I must close. lots + lots of love + May Master richly bless you -

Anita Irwin came Sun + I am so glad.

Lovingly - Irene

2 Tsi Yang Road
Sept. 3, 1929
Tsingtao

My dearest Loved Ones: Back home again partially settled in my new home. The cook hasn't gotten home yet from his wedding so I can't do much toward "settling". See I had piled everything including pans & pot, all in my bed room - yesterday I got floor space cleared & a bit of straightening done - enuf to live. My kitchen isn't set up at all because the carpenter has to make partitions in the room I'll use for it to get a store room made & walls must be all painted - so that will be slow I expect. Delay in settling is also due to the carpenter's slowness & I can't get ahold of him as only the cook knows his shop! I'm boarding with Mrs. Chandler for the time being & she is lovely to me. I came home early knowing there'd be this mess but I wanted to see friends here, Betty Turner & Harriett Strat are here for the summer & then our family on Mt. went home so I had to leave there, also wanted to stay a few days with Mrs. Eames. We are to have one month vacation & since Aug 7. I left station it really isn't over till Sept 7 & I want to get my country trips written up, done too.

I think I wrote you of Anita's coming. We had such good times together. She's and

2) a dear. Won't see her for a long time as she's to go on furlough in June next summer. We visited & played & it was nice to have the two weeks with her. Later we went to the top with a group of other girls & you'll see the progress I made in getting well- when I tell you I walked over half the way up & back! It was really the last ten days only that I began to truly enjoy the mts. at first their very bigness made me feel more my weariness & inability to just scale heights at will but at last I truly revelled in it. The day at the top was truly beautiful - such a clear cool day after a rain & below us were all ~~manner~~ shapes of thinnest lawn clouds floating here & there making a continuously changing view, ~~casting~~ casting dark shadows on the plain below. Another day we went down down the ravine to the "Black Dragon" pool - a most unusual pool fed by subterranean springs so that the Chinese say it is bottomless & also that it is connected ~~with~~ with the Bubbling Spring in Tsinan miles away. Anyway it is never dry when all other places are. It's name is significant in that the Chinese superstition is that the Dragon controls rainfall & water sources & so they say the dragon lives in this pool. I didn't swim but we sat under a cool recess of overhanging rock to watch. Our climax of a swim was two days before we left all went down the ravine to

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a deeper side ravine & followed up it clambering over big boulders at its mouth into "The Fairy Grotto" & lovely! beyond words was its deep coolness & beauty. There over mouths of two shallow caves fell the most beautiful waterfall into an oblong pool. As it has just rained they were full & beat on us with force to take one's breath. Mr. Connely crawled up behind in largest cave & ~~then~~ stood under the pounding water to pull all of us up in it. The walls were moss covered & some ferns were growing there. Lovely! We were just dripping & opened our eyes in a rainbow world. We were so delighted with it & felt truly it was a fitting end for our swimming season. I had wanted all summer just to follow that main river up the ravine sinking down into the pools & climbing up over the rocks making its waterfalls. I imposed on the party to carry my shoes & did just this on our climb back home. The joy of that day will long be with me — a refreshing memory. It came to me that this green, cool refreshing spot with it sharp contrast to the more or less barren, rocky steep mountain around it was a good illustration of what our lives should be in this needy world when sin, & self-

4) seeking + rush after things has made many hearts spiritually barren stony land. We should be in contrast to the giver the refreshing cool joy of His Love + to us people should come for the touch with Him + we have the responsibility that we truly can thus reflect Him - that our lives will be veritable "Watered Gardens" fairy Grottos" thru which the Living water can flow + bring fruit for His glory.

The last day then Anita typed for me the Tai Shan write-up + its at the printers now. I simply buried myself in it for the day - the Connelys having left the night before left us a quiet house. Since Anita typed it for me - It was all done. much to my joy. Deane Walter drew a picture for a wood cut for the top. Wasn't it nice that all helped me tho! We went down to Tai An city to go to Chü fu, the birthplace + burial place of Confucius but rain + fact of a 25 li trip in a cart made it impossible. Since I've seen Erva's pictures I'm sorry but it is all right. In Tai An we went to the big famous group of temples in large grounds enclosed by a most ancient wall - back before christ when that early worship was carried on to god of Tai Shan. In these vast

51 temples buildings were great idols - in one especially large -

Well, with the coming of the Nationalists who have attempted to rid country of superstition all these idols were destroyed + converted into buildings for lectures, + a sort of community center, restaurants, barber shops + literally a market place. The lovely old art of the place is gone - the beautifully painted tips underneath roofs + pillars now are wearing a coat of blue + white paint (nationalist colors) + looks most tawdry + out of place, with wonderful yellow tiles of old style which fitted + so enriched the artistic old type of painting. It seemed so jarring as to the sense of fitness. It sounds well that there are these attempts to free the people of the old superstitions but as Deane remarked "new wine in old bottles". How much these superficial changes mean - time will tell but truly one felt it more an attempt to change the man by changing his clothes. Laws cannot reform the heart. Taking what people do believe without a satisfying substitute is of questionable permanent good. After all it isn't so wrought into lives of the people. Of course changes must be slow — but again changes in exteriors here are at times startlingly swift. It is the East

(4) trying to find that mean, that way to change the oldest of the old for newest of the new. It must be, it is unavoidable – we must watch + pray that the best of both can be the ultimate outcome. Meanwhile all must have great love + patience + sympathy + vision.

Here – they called me the car had come – for I was to spend the day with Betty – Home. Had a part of it, a most perfect fall day – hot tho still – the bluest sea + white caps. We got to go over to the rocks + sun, [which is burning me all over now] [the awful craze to be brown has crossed to us too] + a most refreshing play in the waves – good dinner + sleep – so I snatch a few minutes before a game of tennis + back to town to add more to this.

There was a most interesting scene on the train coming up from Tsinan. Ques we do still have in China – in the country many – but according to new laws – they with bound feet are to be no more. The only time I've seen I've seen the law in action was that a.m. at Kaomi Station a soldier looking most harmless – no gun, entered the car. A few seats in front of me was an elderly Chinese with a cue – not long + not thick but his pet of years doubtless. This harmless soldier came along + so swiftly + silently whipped to sight scissors + before said friend could even wink had been given a free

4. nationalist hair cut - The soldier just as quickly gave him the cue, & passed on to a sleeping man whose head was wrapped in a towel. Not

knowing whether under it was this innocent but offensive cue he gave his towel a twist rudely awakening him - as only a closely shaved head came to sight the soldier made his swift, silent cue-cutting way thru the train. The old man pocketed his cue, looked very dazed - having thus lost "face" & after the first shock passed from corners of his eyes looked at the other passengers to try to determine whether others knew of his fate - just that way one does after a fall to see if whether anyone saw him or not — Slowly a broad grin passed over his face & then stoically felt his new hair cut & settled down for the rest of the ride to sleep.

Have two letters Aug. 6 + July 31. You're batching alone a few nites is a new experience isn't it! I hope Mrs. S is well by now. You've only once mentioned before that the families last year were not peaceable - Do you mean the Logan renters & Louis renters fought or they tried to fight with you. I can't imagine the latter!

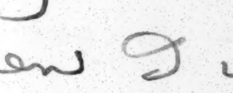
Praise the Master, for Earl's joining the church. There is a Mr. Naylor one of the sailor boys here whom I've known pretty well. Sun. eve, after supper we had a wonderful talk about spiritual things - it's a true

8] as steel & has kept himself straight. He's just sick at the condition in the lives of most of the men! Swearing + vile speech which one can't imagine he hears daily - he said he'd be so glad to get out. Then so many who are church-members or have Christian homes - just living in debauchery + sin. It is hard. As he says, you've got to decide your path - to go clean or not + not deviate one inch! I do hope these years for Earl will give him that foundation - as he seems to be making a good start before he's ever sent over seas!
I'll be eager to know about Warren's visit at Roseburg, + whether you went to Crater Lake etc!
You spoke of the question re the boy who volunteered for life service. Well, he's young + his decisions may vary but if he's truly called I think the Master will bring him, - he just needs persevering prayer for him, - like you dear ones' for me.

No, mumsie precious we're far from the war zone now - we too are anxiously watching it. Still seems uncertain - the talk in the papers for a couple of days was that rep. of Russia + China were talking + today's news saying the Russian was not bona fide + only deceiving the Chinese - oh! how we long for peace for this people!
Spent Sat P.M. + Sun. with Mrs. Eames + had a nice visit. I just run out there as at home - + do so appreciate her hospitality. Moseley has been ill - some

9] weeks - but is some better - this climate just gets him - he's coughing again + did not all the time he was at home

Roy, I read the most wonderful book by Sundar Singh, "The Visions of Sundar Singh". I'll try to get the publisher's name later.

I know what I want for Christmas - a revised Bible small in size about like my India paper Scofield - not too thick, might buy it thru the Board Purchasing Dep't, in my name get good discount there. Then I want you to look to look for a shower brush - I think Fuller brush Co have it - but it is too expensive there - (there's an add for it either in July Woman's Home Comp. or Journal or Good Housekeeping) it has a long rubber tube connected to the brush + brush is like this  with this little pipe up its middle out of which water can come. I believe I can attach it to a tin kerosene can or a kang put up high in the country. There maybe some that have a rubber sack for that purpose but I expect it would be too expensive. I'll buy this. If you can send it right away I can use it for the country. I think it would be lovely.

Evening. Mummie, we had a spree today

10] after tennis we went to a "Jimmy's Kitchen" + got a chocolate nut sundae — felt most extravagant paying 60 ¢ - (30 gold) but ah it was good. This Jimmy place — also has stores in Shanghai. A sailor having served full time + discharged, tried to buy a "hot dog" sandwich & none to be had — so he conceived idea of getting money + starting a restaurant which could have the homeside flavored food + he was most successful! + now has a store here. This was first I'd been but for weeks I've wanted a good sundae. We first went to a german place but they just thought we were crazy to ask for "sodas" so we fled after they'd offered us cocoa + weiner sandwiches by mistake! Betty + I are always getting in these scrapes! The sundae was ummy!!!... I felt I could just sit there + eat another. Then I walked home to make up for my extravagance! Oh mummie, that's such a good idea of enlarging that picture for Mrs. Farr. I'll enclose it after I get another print for my report for Mrs. Higgins (Board) Lovely! She surely will like it!! Mrs. Higgins husband seems to be dying from her last note. She's Mrs. J. F. Higgins, 615 East 66 Street North, Portland if you'd like to write a note to her. Julia drove out I believe to Colorado in a new car.

Well honey, dearest I guess I'd better close — lots + lots of love to my bestest family on earth ——

Sept 15, 1929
Sunday a.m.
2 Lei Yang Road

Dearest Ones + Mumsie Precious!

Now for a visit with my sweet loved ones! It has been about ten days since I wrote + such full ones! I wrote soon after my return. Have been back just two weeks now. The cook wasn't here the first week + so I boarded with Mrs. C. + back + ~~forth~~ to the Hubs. Have had a glorious last week of vacation here. Just what I needed to finish it. Feel I had enuf + am fully ready now to get at it hard again.

Had such nice times with Betty + Harriett. Betty is such a real kindred spirit + we enjoy the same things exactly! Then Martha Wylie who was here in language school came ~~the~~ two days + we had such a good visit. She'll be nearer now formerly in Chefoo but now to be in

B. Came in Sun nite + the cook had made good progress with things. Well, Monday, the furniture came, got stove up, + I worked all day till P.M. prayer meeting time trying to get settled. Mrs. Lewksbury told us at prayer meeting about Miss Grace Paxon, a very well-known Bible teacher, + lecturer. She's free to go on request to various part of China - has an interpreter. Some years ago in South China four Chinese ministers were captured by bandits + held with 13 others all chained together for 156 days in a dark place. They had very course food, a cup of tea for all at each meal - (all pledged just to lap a bit not allowing lips to touch it for fear the overpowering thirst would make them drink it all) + if one stood all had to stand - eventually 2

2. Wiiksien. I'm glad too — & because she wants experience interior! We all went one night & had such fun! There is a restaurant here called "Jimmy's" a branch of Shanghai's. They were started by a sailor who wanted to buy a "hot dog" & there was no such thing to be had. He interested a banker & soon made a very paying business by specializing in a "homeside flavor" — country sausage, steaks, pancakes, fresh coffee, percolated as ordered, & sundaes etc! We all went & had a supper. I couldn't entertain them here as I wasn't settled at all. They left Fri-Sunday eve. I was at Mrs. Eames & there days I worked on my country report — it took so long — my! Its too long — but almost impossible to condense it & put in anything

4 died & then the others all got terrible dysentery! They didn't dare let captors know because if they knew they'd think they could not be worth the high ransom placed on their heads. Eventually tho they were forced to write to ask for help by the captors & ask for ransom. In the end, tho sudden-ly they just let them go free! Three of ministers by this experience had a marvelous experience & the fourth lost his belief. These three vowed just to exert all powers for Christ. There been having conferences all over South & they invited Miss Paxon & while she was there she said for 12 days - 1000 peoples came every nite - seems I wrote you this last - & listened so that at one time a big parade of 10,000 people went by & only a few left to see it. These men first asked for a hall for seventy people. She said all was entire-ly Chinese managed & financed - that a wealthy chinese put his car at their disposal & they were royally treated. She said

5] the way there was no flurry or bustle about money + the spirit was lovely! Just the Spirit's working. We're so glad for these Chinese managed + originated move-ments.

Tuesday I did about last of cleaning to get ready for Mrs. E. got up curtains downstairs - the first time I've used that pretty pink of Mary's gift. Mrs. E. was taking the night train + they were here for supper - then I took them to train + while she tended to baggage I got kids into a berth. Mrs. Davies had sent over four tickets to the Philharmonic Concert, by two German singers, Betty + Harriett came in + waited the concert wasn't nine o'clock - so we went!!! Oh! it was so interesting - Germans of all types all kinds of clothes + coiffeurs + stages of array + disarray - We had such fun over our own ignorance — as we entered

7] more American in cut! Of course the joke was on us but too good to keep!!

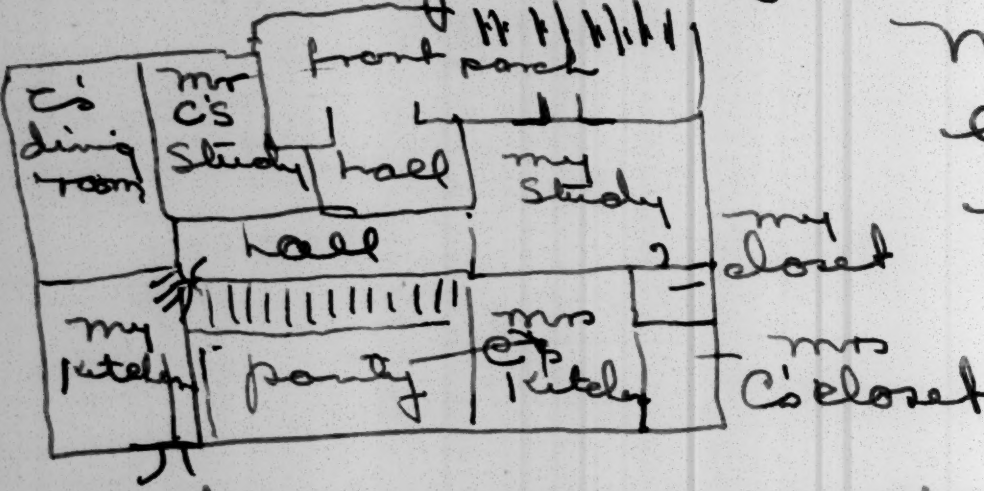
You probably are shocked at the idea of a bar there - I was too - but that's German + in the Orient - no restrictions. I find I am getting more or less accustomed to seeing it. In fact almost all of the grocers have several shelves + sometimes a window full! It's a part of the many things which would tend to pull one down - I mean the very looseness etc - unless one is careful. I can see how business folk + sailors + all are so tempted.

Then Wed + Thurs. a lady had to go to Tsinan for physical exam + they wanted me to stay two days with kiddies - As the man who temporarily is my teacher was away I went + spent most of the time typing my report.

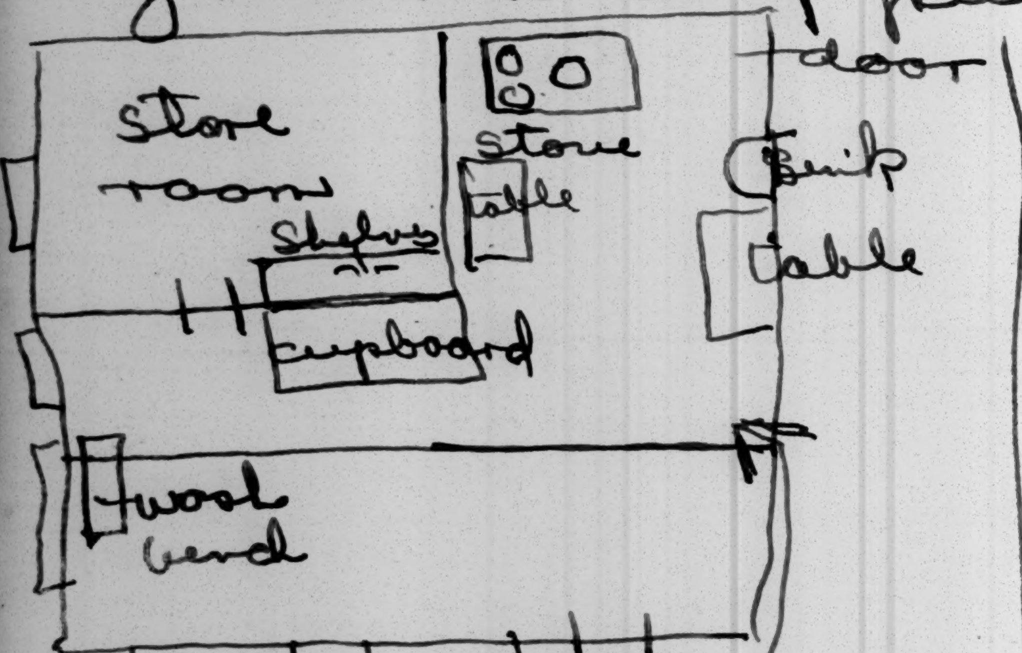
6) the door I saw a man dressed in black pants & short white duck fitted coat with a little point behind - I thought he's a bar-tender (so did Betty & Harriett later we discovered) because since this is a German affair etc. We went thru a side room to be seated which did prove to have bottles & was a bar - so I was convinced - he was a bar-tender. Well, we went in, & at the intermission men got up to go out & lo & behold almost all were wearing these funny little waist length tight fitted white coats - (all were bar tenders!!!) Then we tumbled. It was the English & German dress coat. - mostly English tho but worn all over the orient in summer we later learned. The American consul had a white coat too but a bit longer & not a fitted one,

8] It proved to be a fortunate time to be away as that day painters came to my kitchen + + carpenter Kalsomines - so I was fortunate to miss the mess. - - -

Now, I'll tell you about my three rooms - Chandlers down-stairs floor plan is this



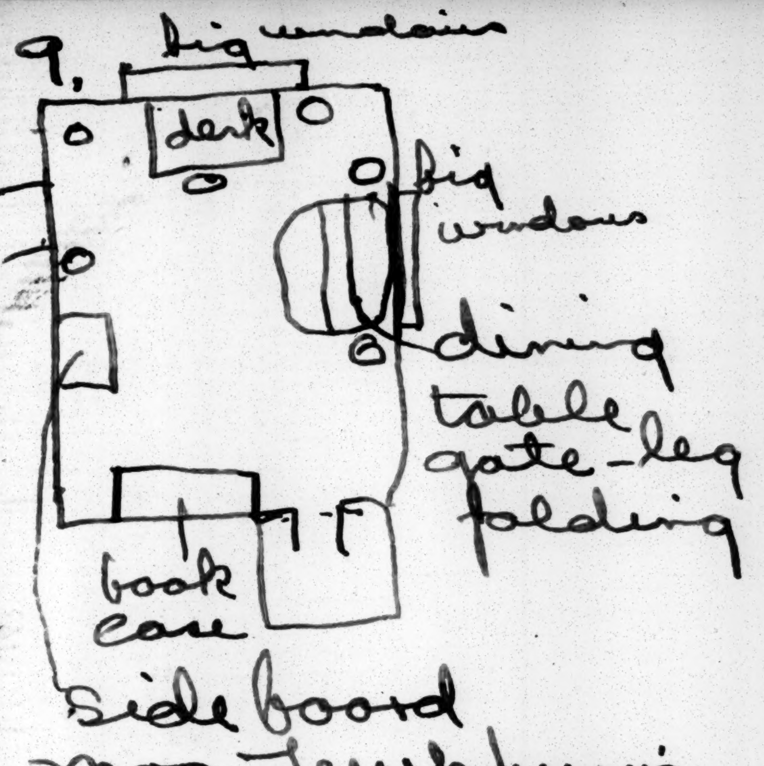
My kitchen is a big room with lots of windows I needed a store room so with all the old doors around the place in my kitchen they put up a partition



that is now all painted grey + wall grey + all clean + lovely - got a stove $12 Mex - pretty fair one.

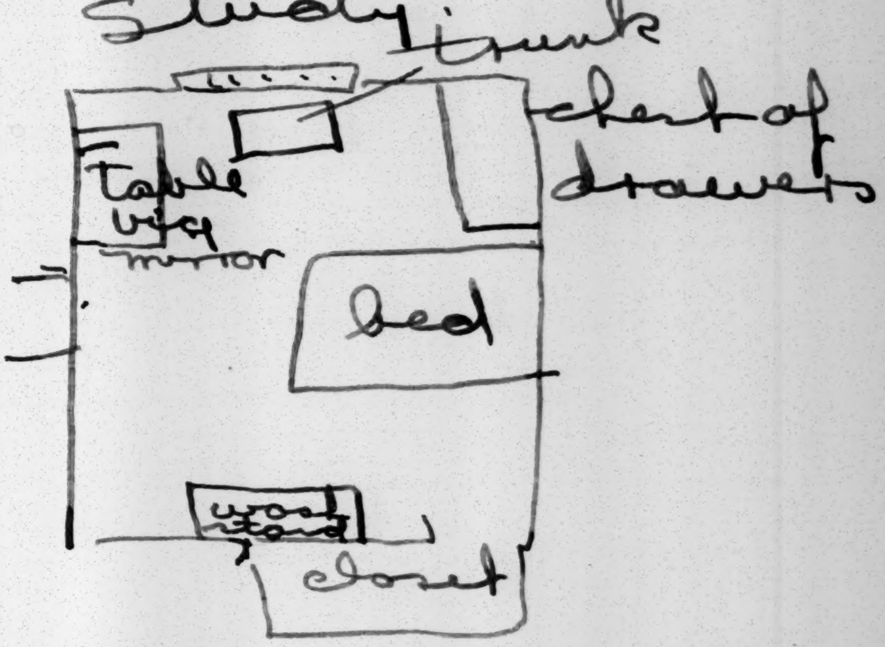
Now for my living room.

This drawing is off: this line gives more correct proportions



Mrs. Tewksbury's

My bedroom is just above the Study



These are crudely you may picture me here — but I won't be here most of the time, but anyway you'll know a bit about it. You said to be sure to get what I need. I have + am very comfy — almost too fine. All my furniture that he made came to about $50 gold. which isn't so bad from our standpoint but from standpoint of the poor in country its palacial — then compared with Chinese of better class here — about the same

11] much," was so big - - - And she said, "I'll borrow her when you are gone" Now the wonderful part of it is that Betty + I had decided if you could live with anyone here it would be with her! See Ihipel just been moved here to live for three years till furlough, Mr. I. is gone almost all of the time. traveling at invitation to hold meetings. She is just a dear + you'd be happy there. She'd like company while he's gone, they have four kiddies (lovely ones) + if you were just in the house sometimes it would help her + you'd enjoy the kiddies, + they can talk enuf Chinese even if Mrs. I. were away so you'd have no trouble. That was so interesting while I had all this in my mind it wasn't that I suggested it. I merely said that question was big + she immediately so enthusiastically answered. Then you could be here a year if you came next

10] I haven't much. It's not anything I didn't have to have - table, six chairs, a desk + book case, dressing table + drawers upstairs. I don't want to get on that extravagant-looking level of living."

Mrs. C. is very nice to me! + has been most generous in giving me room. We have a separate door bell + I try to keep everything separate so her servants won't have to answer my calls etc. If we do have any unpleasantness in living in one house it will come from that kind of thing. I do hope this can be a more or less permanent arrangement as I hate moving. You'd be very comfy here when I am here, too, if you were with

Mr. Mrs. Tewksbury asked me Thurs. at a tea for one of Lutheran Board representatives about your coming. I said question of my being gone so

12] summer & we'd go home together. If we landed in the east as we would I was thinking how much fun it would be to get a little car & go to see Warren's & on to Chicago etc & on home! My dreams get wilder all of the time!! eh! It's wild because I'll probably be broke & to talk of getting a car is wild for 2 if we had carfare for 5 or 6 it would pay! Unless some of these brothers decide to drive West again. Ah, well, it doesn't hurt to indulge in dreams once in a while.

Say, Mrs. Warner went to Palestine this summer - wish she had waited - maybe she'd go back & knowing the ropes be our guide!

Here's the film. I thought of doing it here - I could - but she'd be much more pleased with it coming from you from America. She had a letter - written, came

13] yesterday. She'd heard I was ill & was so sad but only prayed continuously & now having heard I was all right she was unceasingly thanking God, She surely is sweet. Said the clothes were so nice & she's wearing them every day.

here again I ~~was~~ interested that the cook stood out so well at home at the wedding. It wasn't easy. In a heathen village, he himself had never seen a christian wedding & no other christian there to help him. The most important part of the ceremony is bowing to the ancestral tablet. He said he prayed for 2 days before to know how to do. The custom there is to send the bridal chair for the girl at night & when she arrives for man to go out to lead her in. He did that but refused to kowtow to the tablet - his brother did it for him - then they always had to have one stand outside of the window to listen all night, or put a big broom or if not

15| They'll have even to not have the personal note I would have put in, please explain, & not have the thrill of a Chinese stamp. Will you do it honey! I know you've told me to do it before so I'll love to this time. I have no idea how near we will be to mail

Lovely that the friend brings you many ice. It reminds me. A returning interior gave me their "home-made ice box" — box lined with sawdust + inside two 5 gal. kerosene tins — fine. I feel as rich as if I had a "Frigidaire"

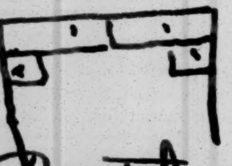
Thanks for the Independent honey! It comes most regularly!!

Ray having to come home "having run out of money" is good I am so glad other folks have similar experiences! ha! ha! How did Warren + De Etta like Crater Lake & Caves! My painting Bessie gave is on my bookcase + the red

14] evil spirits would come to listen. He told them he believed God & he couldn't worship the devil & did not put it up. They made fun of him - saying "who ever heard of not bowing to ancestors" They had it. He just preached to them & let them make fun. A group came every night to their yard to hear.

~~Nathan~~

I'm sorry I was sure I wrote a letter of thank you to Rachel. I have a note made of it in my book. It surely is sweet of her to ask. Her name will be on the list for this next letter. - That reminds me. I leave this Tues. for six weeks in the country & that can't be back from the printers for sometime. I believe I'll ask Mrs. C. to mail them to you all in a roll & I'll fix you a mailing list or else it will be almost Christmas before I can get them off.

Japanese vase from Mrs. M's fine by it. So pretty together. Sorry to read of Rev. Mockel's accident. It is a wonder he didn't die - from all those injuries. Am so glad you are so happy ~~there~~ with Lula + Roy. I am sure they are lovely to you. They are just wonderful ones to be with. Helen said the twins were such "little gentlemen". That pleased me, jinks! I believe in youngsters being - so! ~~the old~~ maid aunt speaks - but having had a bit of experience these days! The Lewis- babies are awfully fine - but whoopee some - -. The little woman who took care of me is expecting a "wee mite" soon + is so happy! She is so nice! She was so pleased you'd sent her word, Cook always prays for you - every a.m. - my dressing table has drawers - chinese style  so its fine. I don't have Bertha's Seattle address but send her a letter, + me her address. Fine for Warren glad he's coming back again to Cal.

17 Mumsie, mine, that check!!!! Oh,
it just isn't right! I surely do
not want to use it - you should
not send me money! I'd better
save it + put it in the
work or for the Bible woman
you want. Bless your dear
heart, honey, I feel so un-
worthy of it + you just
mustn't give me so much.
I haven't decided to get the
vic. for sure now I'll wait
a while anyway. Wait till
I come in from this trip —
Honey, you need this money
there and I don't feel that
you should give me so much,
I just can't say thanks for I
don't feel I ought to use it,
especially for myself. honey dear,
you are so precious + your
love is enough sweetheart.
You need not always be

18 sending me things. Just you is enough, God surely gave a treasure when He gave me my mumsie sweet.

Honey, here I am asking you to help me. If I send Christmas things to you again will you play Santa. I think you said you liked to see the things. I may be able to get off some tomorrow but it won't be complete as I have to wait for some things to be made.

Our girls school is facing a crisis. Gov't. is appointing a principal to have authority over the prin. i.e. that if the principal won't do what he says he'll get accused as a "communist". The school problems now are hard. China has a right to control her schools its true — but well will just pray about it.

Stella W. writes she's not so well. She didn't get the physical rebound I did at Tai Shan. pray for her also for our country work as I go again & I haven't a permanent teacher. I ought to have a woman for love & convenience in country - but that's hard to find, a capable one. Love - love dearest loved ones. Irene.